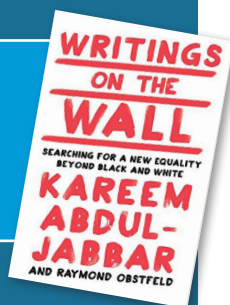




## 2017 Reading Together

2017 marks the 15th anniversary of Reading Together. To commemorate this occasion, KPL has chosen a book that addresses important yet divisive issues facing not only our community but the whole country.

*Writings on the Wall: Searching for a New Equality Beyond Black and White*  
by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar



Honed from his life experience both on and off the basketball court, observations and conversations in his everyday life, Abdul-Jabbar explores American politics, racism, religion, gender issues, classism, the news media and much more.

What topics from *Writings on the Wall* would you like to discuss? You can engage with Reading Together 2017 by visiting [www.readingtogether.us](http://www.readingtogether.us) and clicking on Want to Participate?

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



MEET THE AUTHOR:

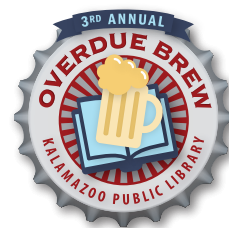
**Kareem  
Abdul-Jabbar**

**Tues, March 14, 2017**

7pm – Miller Auditorium  
2200 Auditorium Dr.  
Kalamazoo

Free event. No ticket required. Michigan News Agency will sell copies of *Writings on the Wall* at the event.

## 3rd Annual Overdue Brew (formerly Booktoberfest)



During the spring, the Booktoberfest planning crew decided it was smart to move this event from fall to late winter, as it would be a great way to continue the craft brew fun of Kalamazoo Beer Week. With this change in mind, Booktoberfest was rebranded as Overdue Brew, and refreshed with a cold-brewed logo.

What else is new this year? All of the Overdue Brew programs will be held at some of your favorite local breweries! **Details can be found on page 4.**



We are excited to join forces with the Children's Book Council to offer a Winter Reading Challenge in Kalamazoo called *Reading Without Walls*. Inspired by National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, Gene Luen Yang, this challenge encourages young readers to explore books of diverse voices, genres, and formats.

From December 10, 2016 to January 10, 2017, stop by any KPL location or sign up online at [kpl.beanstack.org](http://kpl.beanstack.org). Read and record one book in each category:

1. Read a book about a character that doesn't look like you or live like you.

2. Read a book about a topic you don't know much about.  
3. Read a book in a format that you don't normally read for fun. This might be a chapter book, a graphic novel, a book in verse, a picture book, or a hybrid book.

When kids, tweens, and teens complete the challenge, they earn a book to keep! Book selections will support the **We Need Diverse Books** campaign. Adult readers that complete the challenge will earn a choice of prize. Prize selection will vary at all KPL locations. All prizes must be claimed by January 15, 2017, while supplies last.



Don't miss Friends of  
KPL Annual Book Sale!

Details on page 4.

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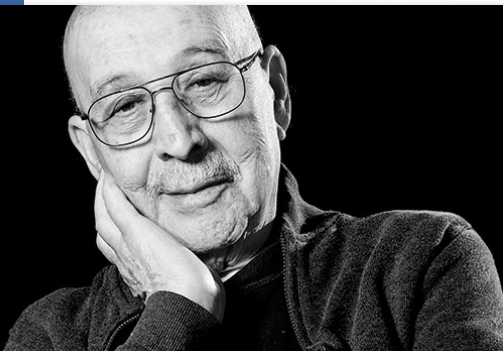


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## HISTORY & GENEALOGY



### I Remember Kalamazoo: Lance Ferraro's Memories of Growing Up in Kalamazoo

Thurs, February 23, 7 pm, CEN

We've seen the old photos, now go inside the historic facades from the 1920s to the 1960s. Sharon Ferraro, working with her 95-year-old dad Lance, will walk us inside buildings and sites from the past.

### They Built This City

Tues, February 28, 7 pm, CEN

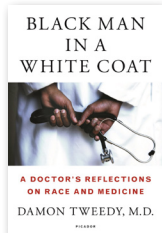
Architects and builders have played a role in Kalamazoo since its beginnings. Join Lynn Houghton, WMU Archives Regional History Collections curator, for a look at those individuals and firms who designed and built structures during the 19th and early 20th centuries that have been and continue to be part of our community's built environment.



## BOOKS

### R Race and Medicine RT

Tues, January 10, 6 pm, POW

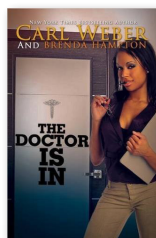


Meet for an intelligent, engaging, and honest discussion on issues surrounding the complex topic of race and medicine, inspired by the book *Black Man in a White Coat* by Damon Tweedy. We'll be joined by doctors from southwest Michigan. Copies of the book can be picked up at the Powell Branch. Please register.

### R Urban Fiction Book Discussion Group

Tuesdays, January 24 & February 21, 6 pm, POW

Join the Urban Fiction Book Discussion Group as we share our insights and reviews on works by various authors. In January we'll discuss *Pure Heroine* by Keisha Ervin. In February we'll discuss *The Doctor Is In* by Carl Weber and Brenda Hampton. Copies of the books can be picked up at the Powell Branch. Please register.



### Bringing Memoirs, Family & Community History to Life

Mon, February 20, 6 pm, EAS

Sonya and Sean Hollins of Season Press will share how to bring memoirs, family, and community history to life. They will lead a panel discussion with area authors on the ten steps to self-publishing.

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## MUSIC

### GLAMA Acoustic Slow Jam

Tuesdays, December 13 & January 10, 7 pm, CEN

We invite you to join the Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association for a fun jam based on simple chord progressions and slow to medium tempo tunes. All acoustic stringed instruments welcome! Basic jamming tips are included.

### GLAMA Community Sing

Tuesdays, December 20 & January 17, 7 pm, CEN

Come and sing along with folksinger and songwriter Patricia Pettinga and her GLAMA Community Sing co-hosts. Lyric sheets are provided.



R Registration required. Call location listed or register online at [kpl.gov](http://kpl.gov) starting 30 days before event.



## LEGAL

### Ask a Lawyer

For appointment information  
call the Law Library, 553-7920

Free legal clinics for persons of low-to-moderate income with Bar Association lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, divorce, and family law. For a free 20-minute appointment, call: 553-7920. You may make only one appointment per four months. Clinics do not include follow-up. Further consultation must be negotiated with an individual attorney.

## & MORE

### Senior Odyssey

Fri, December 2, 10:30 am, OSH

We know that physical exercise is good for an aging body. Few people recognize that an active brain also contributes to better health. Senior Odyssey provides an opportunity for seniors aged 60+ to engage both intellectually and socially by immersing themselves in creative problem solving activities with others. In this introductory session participants will tap into their inner child and have fun thinking outside the box. We'll see what a winning team has done in competition and enjoy a few games to challenge our thought patterns.

### Come On By For a Slice of Cheesecake Pie!

Mon, December 5, 6:30 pm, OSH

The winter holidays are coming, and what better way to celebrate than with cheesecake? Richard Moncrief of Specialty Cheesecake & Dessert Company will share tips and tricks, including ways to prevent cracking, and discuss the best ingredients and flavor combinations.



### Welcoming Refugees

Tues, December 6, 6:30 pm, CEN

Join us for a panel discussion, presented by Kalamazoo Interfaith Coalition for Peace and Justice, on the needs of the forcefully displaced. Topics include the refugee experience, vetting process, law enforcement, housing, and education.

### Family Kwanzaa Celebration

Tues, December 27, 5:30 pm, POW

Celebrate family, community, and culture, while learning about this week-long celebration of African heritage. Crafts and refreshments.

### Jumping the Broom

Tues, February 14, 6 pm, POW

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a family program depicting a time in history when African Americans were not always allowed to marry legally. Sometimes the marriage ceremony had to be done in secret. Jumping the broom was a joyous time and a clandestine exchanging of vows. Light refreshments served, including cakes created by Briana Jackson.

### Black Lives Matter Exhibit & Reception

Tues, February 28, 6 pm, POW

Celebrate Black History Month at this reception honoring featured artists Gerald King and Kierstin Arnett. Stop by the Barnabee Art Gallery all month to view an art exhibit inspired by Black History and today's Movement for Black Lives, featuring paintings, photos, art pieces, and artifacts by local contributors. Light refreshments served.



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### Racism, A History

Wed, January 11, 6 pm, CEN,  
*The Color of Money:*

*Colonialism and the Slave Trade*

Wed, January 18, 6 pm, CEN,

*A Savage Legacy:*

*Apartheid, Jim Crow, and Racism Today*

Join us for facilitated screenings and discussions of two parts of the documentary series *Racism, A History*. Co-sponsored by the Society for History and Racial Equity (SHARE) and KPL's Antiracism Transformation Team.

### The Civic Side Show Preview

Sat, January 14, 1:30 pm, OSH

Join the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre for a preview of their upcoming musical, *Side Show*. Actors will perform several songs from the show and the director will answer questions and talk about the production.



### Food For Your Soul

Wed, January 18, 6:30 pm, WSO

Learn how to make some healthy meals that comfort the soul with Keneisha Morgan-Darden, restaurant owner and author of *Cooking 'N Heelz*. Copies of her book will be for sale at the event. Registration required.

### Free Tax Preparation

Tues, January 31, 1 - 6 pm, OSH

Thurs, February 2, 10 am-2 pm, CEN

Thurs, February 9, 11 am-4 pm, EAS

Tues, February 28, 1-6 pm, OSH

Free tax preparation for those with household income under \$54,000 in 2016, prepared by IRS-certified VITA tax volunteers. By appointment only. Dial 211 or 1-800-563-5432 after Jan. 9, to make appointment and for more information.

## Friends Annual Gift Book Sale

The holidays are fast approaching and that means gift-buying is probably on your mind. **The Friends Annual Gift Book Sale** is the first place you will want to shop for all the book-lovers on your gift list. Gift-quality books, in pristine, like-new condition are available for only a small fraction of retail cost. The selection is always incredible and the prices are truly unbeatable. Stop in now, the sale continues while supplies last.

The sale takes place in the Friends Bookstore during normal shopping hours.

When the holidays are over it's time to relax and pamper yourself a little bit.

**The Annual Winter Bag-of-Books Sale** is the place to stock up on books just for you. You can fill a bag full of books for only \$2. A couple of bags should help get you through the long winter. You'll find thousands of books (including children's books) as well as CDs, DVDs, and audio books.

**The Bag-of-Books Sale is Sat, January 14 from 9-3:30 pm in the Van Deusen Room, CEN**



**R** Registration required. Call location listed or register online at [kpl.gov](http://kpl.gov) starting 30 days before event.

**T** Space limited; ticket required. Pick up free ticket at host location starting one week before event; one ticket per person. Call location with any questions.



## Overdue Brew Programs

January 21 to February 23, 2017

### **R History of Brewing in Kalamazoo Trolley Tour**

**Sat, January 21, 3-5:30 pm,  
Tibbs Brewing Company,  
402 S. Burdick St., Kalamazoo**

Brewing in Kalamazoo is far from new! The event starts with check-in and a brief intro at Tibbs Brewing Company. Then, join us on a trolley tour with West Michigan Beer Tours and learn about our city's illustrious beer brewing history with KPL expert, Keith Howard! Beer samples will be provided on the tour. Afterwards, join us at Tibbs for a complimentary pint! This event is free and open to the public. Seating on the tours is limited, so registration is required.

### **R Intro to Beer Tasting**

**Wed, February 1, 7 pm,  
Brite Eyes Brewing Co.  
1156 S. Burdick St., Kalamazoo**

Alex Mantakounis, owner of Tempo Vino Winery, is a wine expert, certified beer judge, and accomplished homebrewer. Join Alex as he guides tasters through a series of different styles of beer, and explains the different flavors, textures, and notes they should expect.

### **R February Art Hop: Beer Label Art**

**Fri, February 3, 6 pm,  
The Reality Factory,  
213 E Frank Street, Kalamazoo**

Enjoy beer label art by local artists Paul Sizer and Leigh Ann Theisen. Shay Church of Grayling Ceramics will also demonstrate how he makes his beautiful ceramic growlers and more.

### **R T Strange Brew: The Movie**

**Wed, February 8, 7 pm,  
Alamo Drafthouse  
Cinema, 180 Portage  
St., Kalamazoo**



Watch a FREE screening of the classic 1983 Canadian comedy starring Dave Thomas and Rick Moranis. The movie (loosely based on Hamlet) is about two brothers, Bob and Doug McKenzie, and their quest to get free beer. Get your free ticket at Central beginning February 1.

### **R Beer Canning**

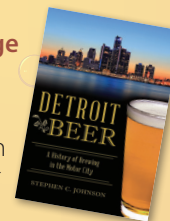
**Thurs, February 16, 7 pm,  
Boatyard Brewing Company,  
432 E. Paterson, Kalamazoo**

We all love sampling new brews and learning how they're made, but have you ever wondered how they get packaged? Come out to Boatyard Brewing to watch a live demonstration of Michigan Mobile Canning! Their name says it all: they're a mobile canning line that goes from brewery to brewery to help them can their beer! Watch the empty cans get loaded, filled, seamed, and boxed up.

### **R Detroit Beer: A History of Brewing in the Motor City**

**Thurs, February 23, 7 pm,  
One Well Brewing, 4213 Portage  
St., Kalamazoo**

Author Stephen Johnson will speak about the history of beer in Detroit from the small brewers of the 1880s to the recent boom of breweries like Atwater Brewery, Motor City Brewing Works, and the triumphant return of Stroh's. Johnson is also the owner and founder of Motor City Brew Tours and a WMU grad!



[kpl.gov/overduebrew](http://kpl.gov/overduebrew)



# Tween & Teen events

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## Post it Note

### Art Show, Gr 5-12

December, all open hours,  
CEN, Teen Area

Stop by the Teen Area this December and create your own artwork for the 3rd annual Post-it Note Art Show. All supplies are available at the Teen Desk. Post-its will be on display through New Year's Eve. Enter for your chance to win area gift cards. Categories include: Best Anime, Best Abstract Design, Best Use of a Stick Figure, Best Representation of a Book (or book character) and Teen Staff Choice.



## MAKER

### Gift Making, Gr 5-12

Mon, December 19, 4:30-6:30 pm, CEN

Tues, December 20, 4:30-5:30 pm, EAS

Wed, December 21, 4:30-5:30 pm, POW

Drop in to make holiday gifts for friends and family. Several projects to choose from along with gift wrapping supplies.

### Jewelry Gifts

#### with Meg Tang, Gr 5-12

Wed, December 21, 4:30 pm, WSQ

Local jewelry making expert Meg Tang will be on hand to help teens make that perfect holiday gift. Found items, wire, and more will create a one-of-a-kind piece to keep or give away. All materials provided.

### LEGO One Scoop Challenge, Gr 5-12

Thurs, January 5,  
4:30, CEN, Teen Area

The Challenge: create greatness with one single scoop! Everyone will get one scoop of LEGOs. Time will be set, building will happen, judges will score, and prizes will be awarded.



### Dear Future Me, Gr 5-12

Fri, January 6, 2 pm, CEN

A new year means looking forward to the bright future ahead. Write an encouraging letter to your future self and we'll mail it to you at a future date! Snacks and refreshments provided.



### Maker Monday, Gr 5-12

Mondays, January 30 & February 27,  
4:30-5:30 pm, CEN

Tinker, make, try, create, and explore @ the library. Each month will feature different ideas and materials. Focus on the process (not the product)!

**January** Beginning Crochet

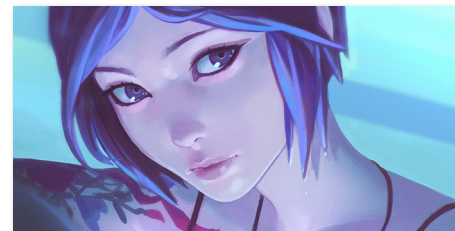
**February** Magazine ReCraft

## GEEK OUT!

### Star Wars Party, All Ages

Thurs, December 15, 4:30 pm, OSH

Celebrate the force and the release of *Rogue One* with Star Wars themed crafts, activities, and a costume contest.



### J-Pop Club, Teens Only

Mondays, December 19, January 16,  
February 20, 4 pm, CEN

Enjoy the latest and coolest stuff straight from Japan. If you love anime, manga, and Japanese pop culture, then you'll love this casual drop-in club.

### Emoji Party, Gr 5-12

Thurs, December 29, 3 pm, CEN

Emojis make texting a lot cheerier, and now they will make the library cheerful too! Join us for games, crafts, photo booths, snacks, and more at this all emoji themed party!



### MJ Experience, Gr 5-12

Fri, December 30, 3 pm, EAS

Dance like you've never danced before! Compete for prizes playing Michael Jackson: The Experience for Wii.



### Hamilton Party, Gr 5-12

Sat, January 7, 2-3:30 pm, CEN

Don't throw away your shot to celebrate all things Hamilton! We'll watch video clips and sing-along, play Hamilton bingo and trivia, and have a Hamilton themed crafting session! Adults welcome to attend with their teen.



### Rubik's Cube Day, Gr 5-12

Fri, December 30, 11 am-1 pm, CEN

A chance to show off your skills, compete for prizes, and meet other Rubik's Cubers.



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## BOOKS

### **R** Pizza & Pages: Teen Book Clubs

Various book clubs for teens meet at KPL each month to discuss the book over pizza. Free-to-keep copies of the books are available at the library location one month prior to each book club meeting. Please register.

#### **Powell Book Club:**

**Tuesdays, December 13, January 10,  
February 14, 4:30 pm, POW, Gr 5-12**

New book each month!

**SHARE Book Club: Mon, February 6,  
6-7 pm, CEN, Gr 5-12**

Graphic novel series *March* by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin. John Lewis is an American icon and a key figure in the Civil Rights Movement. His life story and commitment to justice and nonviolence will inspire you. This book club is co-sponsored by SHARE: Society for History and Racial Equity.

### **Harry Potter Book Night, All Ages**

**Thurs, February 2, 4:30 pm, OSH**

Join the UK in celebrating Harry Potter Book Night with Potter-themed trivia, crafts, and activities.



## 2017 THREE BOOK BATTLE

**The 4th Annual  
Three Book Battle is  
Coming Soon!**

#### **Gr 6-8 only**

2017 TBB titles and a spring 2017 competition date will be announced in late-February so you can start thinking about your teams now! For more registration details and official rules, please visit [www.kpl.gov/tbb](http://www.kpl.gov/tbb).

## GAMING

### **Game Central, Gr 5-12**

**Tues, December 27, 2 pm, CEN**

**Wed, January 25, 4:30 pm, CEN**

**Wed, February 22, 4:30 pm, CEN**

Compete against your friends in an afternoon of tournament game play! We'll have rotating tournaments on Super Smash Bros., Pokken Tournament, Mario Kart, and more, with prizes for top finishers.



### **Virtual Reality, Gr 5-12**

**Tues, January 3, 2-4 pm, CEN**

**Sat, January 21, 2-4 pm, CEN**

Experience virtual reality gaming with the experts from Kalamazoo's own VR arcade, Nova VR.

### **Minecraft Party, Gr 5-12**

**Mon, January 23, 3-5 pm, WSQ**

Play Minecraft with friends on the library's iPads. Prizes, giveaways, and Minecraft button making!

### **R Escape the Library!, Gr 5-12**

**Sat, February 4, 2-4 pm, CEN**

Escape the library! You and your team will have 15 minutes to decipher coded messages and solve the clues that lead to the key to escape! Do you have the brainpower and teamwork skills to win? Problem-solving, prizes, and fun! Please register.



## TECH

### **Tech Tuesdays, Gr 5-12**

**Tuesdays, December 6, January 3,  
February 7, 4:30-5:30 pm, CEN  
Teen Area**

Experiment with tech tools. Explore a different project each month!

**December** MakeyMakey

**January** Circuit Scribe Paper Circuits

**February** 3D Printing

### **Ozobots, Gr 5-12**

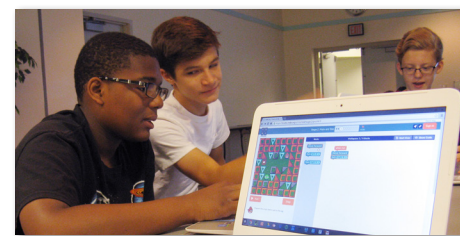
**Tues, December 27, 2 pm, WSQ**

Explore computer programming concepts with color-coded mini robots. Hands-on STEM fun!

### **Tech Take-Apart, Gr 5-12**

**Wed, January 4, 2 pm, CEN**

Ever wondered what's inside your electronic gadgets? Now you can find out! Join us as we smash, pry, unscrew, and hammer apart broken old technology. All materials included.



### **Code Camp**

**January 4-6, 2 pm, OSH, Gr 1-4**

**January 4-6, 3:30 pm, OSH, Gr 5-12**

Coding and problem-solving are some of the most essential skills of the digital age. Let's bring these skills to your fingertips by writing code using KPL's Chromebooks!

### **R TechGyrls, Ages 9-13**

**Wednesdays, January 11, 18, 25,**

**February 1, 8, 15, 4:15-5:30 pm, POW**

Join us for TechGYRLS, a camp designed to increase participation, interest, and confidence of young girls in science, technology, engineering, and math. Through science experiments and robotics software, girls invent, design, and showcase their work in an all-girl environment. This camp is generously provided by the Kalamazoo YWCA. Register here: [www.bit.do/techgyrls](http://www.bit.do/techgyrls).



## FILM

### Movie and Snacks, Gr 5-12

*Kubo and the Two Strings*

Sat, December 10, 2 pm, CEN

Rated PG. A young boy named Kubo must locate a magical suit of armor worn by his late father in order to defeat a vengeful spirit from the past. An incredible, stop-motion animation film from the American studio, Laika.



### Movie and Snacks, Gr 7-12

*Selma*

Tues, February 7, 4:30 pm, POW

Rated PG-13. One dream can change the world. A chronicle of Martin Luther King Jr.'s campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965. Starring David Oyelowo and Carmen Ejogo.



## & MORE



### #TAB, Gr 6-12

Mondays, December 12, January 9, February 13, 4:30 pm, CEN & OSH

Attention Teens! Are you looking for ways to give back to your library and your community while having fun at the same time? Join KPL's Teen Advisory Board (#TAB) and volunteer for library programs, help with events, contribute to library social media, and more! #TAB members also get special perks, rewards, and opportunities!



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### College Application Prep, Gr 9-12

Mon, December 12, 6-7 pm, CEN

Learn about the college application process from experienced guide, Karen Williams. Get organized and present yourself effectively in applications and essays. For current high school students and their parents. Bring your questions!

### Teen Mom Pampering Night, Gr 9-12

Tues, December 13, 6-7 pm, POW

Bring your babies for storytime and a craft while you have some fun for you. Hair demo by Keneisha Darden. Nail demo by Mara Woodruff. Photography by Krystal Thornton. Please register. For teen girls and their babies.

### Crawlspace Eviction Performance, Gr 5-12

Wed, December 28, 1 pm, CEN

Crawlspace Eviction has been entertaining audiences in and around Kalamazoo since 2003. Explore the world through the magic of improv comedy. They'll take your suggestions and weave them into fun and energetic scenes that are sure to amuse and engage. If you like getting on stage, you might become part of the show.



### Crawlspace Eviction Improv Workshop, Gr 5-12

Wed, December 28, 2:30 pm, CEN

After the Crawlspace Eviction performance, stick around to learn fun and useful improv skills. It's always a great time getting creative through improv. Have fun while learning. What could be better? Please register.



### Martial Arts, Gr 2-12

Thurs, January 5, 2 pm (ages 7-10), 3 pm (ages 11-18), WSQ

Learn self-defense techniques with Charles Parker, 3rd degree Judo instructor. Registration required, space is limited. Please register for only one age-appropriate session.



### 14th Annual Teen Filmmaker Festival, Ages 12-19

Saturday, March 4, Noon, Chenery Auditorium, 714 S. Westnedge Avenue  
Films due by January 20, 2017

Calling all teen filmmakers: The 14th Annual Teen Filmmaker Festival is looking for the best teen-produced and directed films! Three expert judges will award prizes for the best films in eight categories, plus a grand prize. A jury will screen every film entered and select the finalists for screening at the festival. For a complete set of rules, submission guidelines, and format requirements, visit [www.kpl.gov/teenfilmfest](http://www.kpl.gov/teenfilmfest). We STRONGLY encourage directors to submit films via our special FilmFreeway page ([filmfreeway.com/festival/KalamazooTeenFilmFest](http://filmfreeway.com/festival/KalamazooTeenFilmFest)).

On Saturday, March 4th at noon, we'll open the doors for the 14th Annual Teen Filmmaker Festival! The finalists will be screened at this special event open to movie fans of all ages in partnership with the North by Midwest Film Festival in Kalamazoo, March 3-4, 2017. Audience members will vote for a People's Choice award! Sponsored by Kalamazoo Public Library, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Public Media Network, and Campaign Pictures.





# events Kids

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## MOVE!

### R Tumble

**Toddlers Ages 1-2**

Saturdays, December 3,  
January 14, February 4,  
10:30 am, CEN

Beginner walkers with caregivers will love this free movement experience with music and a big open space. Registration required.



### Dances of India, All Ages

Sat, December 17, 2:00 pm, OSH

**Enjoy a performance of vibrant,**

Bollywood-style dances, featuring Susan Iervolina's students in beautiful traditional costumes, with an opportunity to learn a dance after the performance.

### Just Move, Dance! Ages 6-11

Fri, January 6, 10:30 am, OSH

Energetic and easy to follow dance fitness and games for kids. It is exercise in disguise with the help of pop music, hula hoops, drum sticks and more!



### Creative Dance with Joy, Ages 6-11

Fri, January 6, 2 pm, CEN

Learn creative dance moves including jazz, modern, hip-hop, and ballet from dancer Joy Elizabeth Morris. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes.



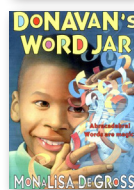
## BOOK NOOK

### R Bookworms, Family

Tuesdays, January 10 & February 14,  
4:30 pm, OSH

Thursdays, January 26 & February 23,  
4:30 pm, CEN

A book club for kids and their grown-ups. In January, we'll read *Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* by Doreen Rappaport. In February, we'll read *Donavan's Word Jar* by Monalisa DeGross. Registration required. Bookworms will not meet in December.



### National African American Read-In 2017, Family

Tues, February 21, 4-6 pm, POW

Help make literacy a special part of celebrating Black History Month. Read, listen, and share books written by African American authors with special guest readers.

### R Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher, Ages 6-11

Tues, February 28, 4:30 pm, CEN

Engage in the magic of Bruce Coville's *Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher* with Western Michigan University Theatre. Registration required.



## MUSIC & THEATRE

### Musical Storytime, Family

Mondays, December 12, January 9,  
February 13, 6:30 pm, OSH

Mondays, January 23 & February 27,  
6:30 pm, CEN

Favorite songs, stories, and special guests.

### T Sweet Baby Blues, Ages 3-8

Sat, February 11, 10:30 am, CEN

Sat, February 25, 10:30 am, OSH

Explore the origin of the Blues—feel the rhythm, dance to the beat, sing, sway, and play with Bluesy Suzy from Palamazoo Puppets. FREE ticket required, call location for ticket information.

### R Musical Storybooks,

**They All Saw A Cat, Ages 3-6**

Tues, February 28, 9:30 and  
10:30 am, CEN

Wed, March 1, 9:30 and 10:30 am, CEN  
Thurs, March 2, 10:30 am, POW

Based on Brendan Wenzel's *They All Saw A Cat*, Musical Storybooks features a storytime, craft, and child-friendly performance by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's string quartet. Groups welcome. Registration required.



## AMAZING ANIMALS

### R Reading with Tucker, Family

Thursdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,  
4:00-5:30 pm, CEN

Enjoy a "pawsitive" reading experience. Read to Tucker, the very friendly Golden Retriever. Registration required. Call location to register.



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## STEM

### LEGO at the Library, Family

Saturdays, December 3, January 7,  
February 4, 10:30 am, OSH  
Wednesdays, December 14,  
January 11, February 8, 6:30 pm, WSQ  
Saturdays, December 17, January 21,  
February 18, 10:30 am, CEN  
Tues, December 27, 2 pm, POW  
Thursdays, December 29, & January 5,  
2 pm, EAS

Wed, January 4, 2 pm, POW

Wed, February 8, 4:30 pm, POW

Thurs, February 16, 4:30 pm, EAS

Build, create, inspire and imagine with other LEGO fans. Bricks provided, from Duplo to expert builder.

### R Little Scientists, Ages 3-6

Mondays, December 12, January 9,  
February 13, 10:30 am, CEN

Stories and science for preschoolers and caregivers. Registration required. Topics posted on kpl.gov.

### M Maker Mondays, Ages 6-11

Mondays, December 19, January 16,  
February 20, 4:30 pm, CEN

Drop in for tinkering, creating, and exploring – a different project each time.

### R Junior Imagineers, Ages 6-11

Tues, January 3, 2 pm, WSQ

Calling all young engineers! Explore the history and power of machines at this hands-on STEAM workshop presented by Air Zoo, Science-on-the-Go! Registration required.

### R Magnet Busters, Ages 7-9

Thurs, January 5, 2 pm, CEN

Discover the Laws of Magnetism with hands-on activities. Presented by Air Zoo, Science-on-the-Go! Registration required.

### R Harry Potter Science by Chemical Kim, Ages 5-11

Wed, February 22, 6:30 pm, WSQ

Discover the science behind Harry Potter's magic at this hands-on program. Registration required.



## ARTS & CRAFTS



### R Gingerbread Houses, Ages 6-11

Wed, December 7, 4:30 pm, WSQ

Thurs, December 15, 4:30 pm, EAS

Mon, December 19, 6 pm, OSH

Tues, December 20, 4:30 pm, POW

Create a masterpiece with graham crackers, frosting, and candies. Supplies provided. Registration required.

### R Holiday Ornament Making, Ages 6-11

Thurs, December 8, 4:30 pm, EAS

Wed, December 14, 4:30 pm, POW

Colleen Heuser will lead guests in festive holiday ornament making, sharing her tricks and techniques. Supplies provided. Registration required.

### Pet Presents, Ages 6-11

Thurs, December 15, 4:30 pm, WSQ

Make a present for your dog or cat this holiday season. Supplies provided.



### Winter Solstice, Ages 3-11

Wed, December 21, 3:30-5 pm, CEN

Celebrate the Winter Solstice with snowy-themed make and take crafts.

### Color With Us, All Ages

Tues-Thurs, December 27-29,  
and Jan 3-5, Open Hours, All Locations

Create amazing artwork with vibrant colors. Visit the library and color together. All supplies provided.

### R Yummy New Year's Hats, Ages 6-11

Wed, December 28, 4:30 pm, OSH

Decorate an edible New Year's Hat. Save it for January 1st or eat it as soon as you're done making it! Registration required.

### Calendar Making, Ages 6-11

Wed, January 4, 1-5 pm, POW

Thurs, January 5, 1-5 pm, EAS

Drop in and create your very own 2017 calendar. Supplies provided.

### Chinese New Year Celebration, Ages 6-11

Thurs, January 26, 4:30 pm, EAS

Listen to a story, make a craft, do fun activities, and taste some fortune cookies!

### From the Heart, All Ages

Mon, February 6 to  
Thurs, February 9, Open  
Hours, All Locations

Help us make Valentines for residents of local nursing homes and make an extra to give to your special someone. Drop in during open hours at all locations.

### R Mardi Gras Mask Making, Ages 6-11

Sat, February 25, 2:00 pm, CEN

Create a mask to celebrate Mardi Gras, all supplies provided. Registration required.



R Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.

T Space limited; ticket required. Pick up free ticket at host location starting one week before event; one ticket per person. Call location with any questions.

# events Kids

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## First Saturday

**First Saturday @KPL, Family Saturdays, December 3, January 7, February 4, 2-3:30 pm, CEN**

Take your family to the library the first Saturday of each month! Get your library card, check out some books, and enjoy stories, activities, special guests, and door prizes.

**December Host:**

*The Learning Network of Greater Kalamazoo*

**January Host:**

*Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra*

**February Host:**

*Healthy Babies Healthy Start Kalamazoo*

**CEN** (Central Library) ..... **553-7800**

**EAS** (Eastwood) ..... **553-7810**

**OSH** (Oshtemo) ..... **553-7980**

**POW** (Alma Powell). .... **553-7960**

**WSQ** (Washington Square) . **553-7970**

## STORYTIMES



Adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers. Siblings may attend as guests.

### Toddler Storytime, Ages 2-3

**Tuesdays, December 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30 am, CEN**

**Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 10:30 am, CEN**

Songs, movement, and stories.



### Baby Lapsit, Birth – Pre-walkers

**Wednesdays, December 7, 14, 21, 28, 9:30 am, CEN**

**Mondays, January 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:15 am, OSH**

**Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 9:30 am, CEN**

Songs, bounces, and rhymes for babies from birth to walking with their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

### Baby Steps, Walkers – 24 Months

**Wednesdays, December 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 am, CEN**

**Mondays, January 9, 16, 23, 30, 11:00 am, OSH**

**Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 10:30 am, CEN**

Rhymes, songs, and books for little ones from walking to 24 months and their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

### Family Storytime, Family

Stories, activities, and special guests designed for birth-5 and their families.

**Thursdays, 10:30 am, OSH**

**December 1, 8, 15, 22**

**January 5, 12, 19, 26**

**February 2, 9, 16, 23**

**Fridays, 10:30 am, CEN**

**December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

**January 6, 13, 20, 27**

**February 3, 10, 17, 24**

### Preschool Storytime, Ages 3-5

**Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:30 am, CEN**

Stories, songs, and activities for 3-5 year-olds and their caregivers.

### Cuentos y Canciones, Family

**Saturdays, January 14, February 4, February 25, 10:30 am, WSQ**

Celebrate Hispanic heritage with bilingual stories, songs, and special guests.

### La'Ron Williams, Ages 6 and up

**Wed, February 15, 4:30 pm, WSQ**

Nationally acclaimed, award-winning storyteller La'Ron Williams returns to Kalamazoo bringing his traditional tales infused with music and audience participation, crafted to deepen understanding of American history, democracy, and justice.



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## STAY & PLAY

### Toddler Talk, Ages 1-3

Wednesdays, 10:15 am, OSH

December 7, 14, 21, 28

January 4, 11, 18, 25

February 1, 8, 15, 22

Toddlers play while adults share the joys and challenges of parenting 1- to 3-year-olds. Carolyn Call, RN, facilitator.



### Baby Talk, Up to Age 1 Year

Wednesdays, 1:30 pm, OSH

December 7, 14, 21, 28

January 4, 11, 18, 25

February 1, 8, 15, 22

Talk about the care of babies up to one year of age with other parents. Carolyn Call, RN, facilitator.



### R 1-2-3 Play with Me, Ages 1-3

Mondays, December 5, 12, 19,

10:30 am, OSH

Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25,

10:30 am, CEN

Mondays, February 6, 13, 20, 27,

10:30 am, OSH

Spend time together, play, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development during this enjoyable one-month workshop. For children 1 to 3 years and their parents and caregivers. Registration required. Infant and preschool siblings may attend with registered toddler.



### Play and Learn, Ages 1-5

Mondays, 5:30 pm-7 pm, EAS

Thursdays, 10:30 am-12 pm, EAS

Come to the Eastwood Story Place and engage in play for early learning. Drop in during the posted open times. For children ages 1 to 5 with caregiver, siblings welcomed.



## & MORE

### Reindeer Reign, Family

Sat, December 10,

10:30 am-12 pm, OSH

Drop in for a visit with live reindeer from Reindeer Ranch. Enjoy indoor reindeer crafts and activities. Bring your camera and dress for an outside visit with our reindeer friends.



### Kwanzaa

#### Celebration, Family

Tues, December 27, 5:30 pm, POW

Learn how African American families observe this weeklong holiday with storytelling, songs, dances, lighting candles, special foods and decorations, and family gatherings.



### Finding Dory, Family

Wed, December 28, 2 pm, POW

The friendly but forgetful blue tang fish begins a search for her long-lost parents. Healthy snacks provided.

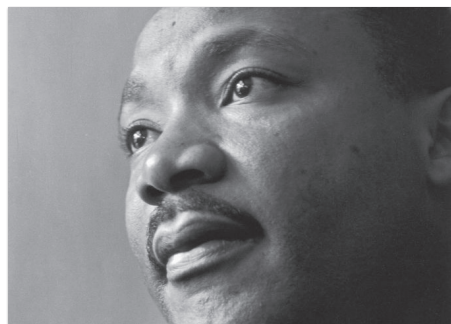


### MLK Day

#### Celebration, Ages 6-11

Mon, January 16, 4:30 pm, EAS

Honor Civil Rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize winner Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Listen to a story, enjoy a short film, and do some activities.



### Celebrate Michigan

#### Statehood Day, Ages 6-11

Wed, January 25, 3:30-5 pm, CEN

Celebrate Michigan's birthday with special stories, crafts, and treats made only in Michigan.

### Jumping the Broom, Family

Tues, February 14, 6 pm, POW

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a family program depicting a time in history when African Americans were not always allowed to marry legally. Sometimes the marriage ceremony had to be done in secret. Jumping the broom was a joyous time and a clandestine exchanging of vows. Light refreshments served, including cakes created by Briana Jackson.



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### Director's Note

A frequent question heard around the library is "What are you reading?" I am often asked the same question when I am out and about in the community.

We share what we are reading with our Staff Picks on our website and with book displays at all locations, including ones that share 50+ titles selected by one of our staff members – books they specifically recommend. It has been fun to see the wide range of reading interests of our staff. What 50 books would you recommend? Some of you shared one recommendation with us this summer during our Reading is Hot campaign at Lunchtime Live.

Once again, our staff are sharing their Best of 2016 on our website: [kpl.gov/best](http://kpl.gov/best) and on displays in our buildings. It is too early to determine my favorite books of the year – it might be one I am reading on December 31, but I've certainly read several that are likely to be on my top ten list.

I like novels with alternating voices and time. Several I particularly enjoyed this year include *Orphan Train*, our 2016 Reading Together title, *Lost Girls*, and *The Last Painting of Sara DeVos*.

Novels with a World War I and II setting are popular. My book group had a good discussion about *The Summer Before the War*. *A Dictionary of Mutual Understanding* has a Japanese setting for this World War II novel; *Everyone Brave Is Forgiven*, is set in London; *Book of Aron*, in a small Polish town.

I don't read too many short stories but I like Colum McCann's writing and *Thirteen Ways of Looking*, a novella and three short stories, is beautifully written.

I do read nonfiction also. My favorite by far is *Season of the Witch*, the story of San Francisco from 1967 – 1982. Those were my growing up years, though not in San Francisco. Not surprisingly, I also liked *Witness to the Revolution*, 100 interviews with leaders of the late 1960's, arranged by issues. *March: Book Three* is the third graphic novel by John Lewis continuing the story of his involvement in voting rights and the Civil Rights Act.

Several teen novels were good reads for me too, especially two by Jason Reynolds: *All American Boys* and *The Boy in the Black Suit*. Jason visited Kalamazoo and met with area teens twice in the past year.

I do read a lot – I'm way behind on TV shows and movies – and I read print and ebooks. The format doesn't matter. All these books and just about every book I read is from the library – print or ebook through OverDrive.

Many of the books I read are suggestions from friends and patrons. What are you reading? Send me your recommendations: [AnnR@kpl.gov](mailto:AnnR@kpl.gov).

Best wishes for the New Year – good times, good health, and of course, good books.

*Ann Rohrbaugh*  
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